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“San Luis Obispo County Workforce Investment Board is gathering information on drought-related job impacts to help in decisions re: distribution of State and Federal resources.”

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of San Luis Obispo (SLO) County is gathering information on local drought-related job impacts. The Workforce Development Community was informed that the State’s Labor & Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), as part of the Governor’s Drought Relief Task Force, will be conducting this ongoing online survey to identify the drought’s impact on local and regional economies throughout the state. This survey will provide essential “real-time” drought-related information as the LWDA works to identify the drought’s impact on industries, employers, and workers. Additionally, the information will impact decisions regarding the distribution of State and Federal resources to affected areas, emergency drought-related funding, and supporting local service delivery to businesses and workers.

Real-time drought-related information is essential for making informed decisions regarding the distribution of State and Federal resources to the affected areas. The survey is designed to be an ongoing source of data collection to be updated by companies and businesses as frequently as new impacts become known. Aggregated information will also be used in planning responses to the drought; applying for emergency, drought-related resources; distributing State and Federal resources; and guiding and supporting local service delivery to businesses and workers. This information is critical for anticipating and understanding the impacts of the drought on local and regional economies throughout the state and may impact decisions regarding the distribution of funding to the local area which could help those people and businesses affected.

Survey questions attempt to pinpoint drought specific reasons for layoffs, such as loss of agriculture and lack of work. Questions also provide text boxes for surveyors to describe issues not listed. The WIB requests ongoing assistance in spreading the word about the Survey of Drought Business Impact. Any help in getting the message of data collection in progress out to the community would be greatly appreciated and likewise beneficial to our community.

The WIB is aware there are impacts but they must be self identified and reported in this survey or the resource capacity may not be there. For more information and/or to participate in the survey please go to: www.sloworkforce.com/drought-survey/ or call Sarah Hayter at 805-781-1929.

About the Workforce Investment Board of San Luis Obispo County

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of San Luis Obispo County is a demand driven organization appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to implement the Workforce Investment Act by leveraging community resources and being a catalyst for workforce development contributing to a healthy economy



in San Luis Obispo County. Our vision is to meet the needs of employers and job seekers in San Luis Obispo County. The WIB is a proud partner of America's Job Center of Californiasm. For more information, please go to www.sloworkforce.com

America's Job Center of Californiasm (AJCC), formerly known as the Business and Career One-Stop, provides complimentary services that meet the needs of employers and job seekers. AJCC takes active measures to promote skilled workers by providing job training opportunities to laid-off, unskilled, and unemployed workers through workshops, education, resume building, and training. AJCC's are a place for local employers to recruit employees, access employee training, and learn more about the local labor market and employment trends. The AJCC has two locations to serve San Luis Obispo County at 880 Industrial Way in San Luis Obispo, (805) 903-1400 and 1800 East Grand Avenue Suite H in Grover Beach, (805) 270-3100. Additional information and resources are available at www.caljobs.ca.gov

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